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The study of medium and long-term aims achievable in the production, consumption and export of livestock produce in Uruguay is intended to be a contribution to the planning of the agricultural sector within the General Planning of Economic Development, preliminary work on which is now starting in our country. This survey is based upon previous studies in which the author took part: Land Reform 1942; Land and Cattle Plan 1946; and Prospects of Livestock in Uruguay 1960/61 (F.A.O. Division -CEPAL E/CN.12/594-1961 and E/CN.12/620-1961), in which the size of the main limiting factors in the output of animal produce in Uruguay was established, laying down the primary measures which it would be necessary to adopt to bring it about. It is assumed that the aims stated can be attained by using the instruments outlined in the above mentioned works, and which will be made the subject of very close re-examination by both home and foreign experts, who have already started the economic survey prior to the Planning of the National Economy. If the choice of instruments and policies were adequate, and appropriate to the achievement of the aims laid down in this survey, it would remain to determine the investments required for the application of the former and the carrying out of the latter. The concrete form of the short and medium term programmes takes 1959 as a basis, 1965 as an intermediate goal and the year 1970 as the final goal. To draw up this programme, a survey was made in connection with the following produce: beef and veal, mutton and lamb, pork, chicken, eggs, milk and milk products, wool and fish.

URUGUAY: Tentative Aims for Consumption of Foodstuffs of Animal Origin for 1965/70.

	1959		1965		1970	
	thousand metric tons	kg. per inhab.year	thousand metric tons	kg. per inhab.year	thousand metric tons	kg.per inhab. year
Beef/Veal	174	62.4	188	62.4	201	62.4
Mutton and lamb	58	20.9	76	25	94	29.4
Pork	19.7	7.0	24.3	8.0	29.4	9.1
Chicken	13	4.7	18.1	6.0	23.2	7.2
Fish	5.6	2.0	10.6	3.5	16.1	5.0

Meat and fish	270.3	97.0	317.0	104.9	363.7	112.7
Milk	666	238	752	249	841	261
Eggs (by thousands)	350	125	415	137.5	484	150

URUGUAY: Tentative Aims for Export of Livestock Produce in 1965/70 (thousand dollars)

	1959	1965	% of 1959	1970	% of 1959
Beef	15,433	37,552	144	58,080	276
Mutton and lamb	342	2,680	683	5,360	1,467
Milk Products	-	10,000	-	20,000	-
Wool	54,200	91,000	68	113,000	109
Cattle Hides	6,096	9,262	52	9,659	59
Hides or Skins from sheep	3,122	6,472	109	7,669	148
TOTAL	79,193	156,966	98	213,768	170

A Longer Term Aim. A longer-term aim might be to progressively attain the level of productivity indices of New Zealand. There are very good reasons considering this ideal feasible. Taking into consideration the area of pasture land on which each country depends, the following volume of livestock production is arrived at for both countries:-

PRODUCE	kg. per hectare per annum (Productivity index of N.Z.) (1958)	N.Zealand Total vol. Million kg.	Uruguay Total vol. million kg.
Beef and veal	21.9	277	325
Mutton and lamb	27	341	401
Wool	19.4	245	287
Milk	11.6	5.100	5.397

The volume of the presumed livestock production for Uruguay is shown to be higher than that achieved by New Zealand in 1958, (i.e. the year which has been taken as a basis for these comparisons) by reason of the fact that this country possesses a smaller area of pasture land (12,623,000). By applying to Uruguay the output of New Zealand, the livestock production of the former could have enabled the following quantities and dollar values of the produce named to be exported:

	Metric Tons	Million dollars
Beef and veal	151,000	62.9
Mutton and lamb	343,000	78.5
Milk (milk products)	4,768,000	238.4
Wool	276,000	276.0
TOTAL	-	655.8

The export from Uruguay of such a volume would exceed by 659% the export of all livestock produce in 1959 (which amounted to 86.4 million dollars) and by 207% the tentative aim of livestock exports estimated for 1970 in accordance with the present survey.

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